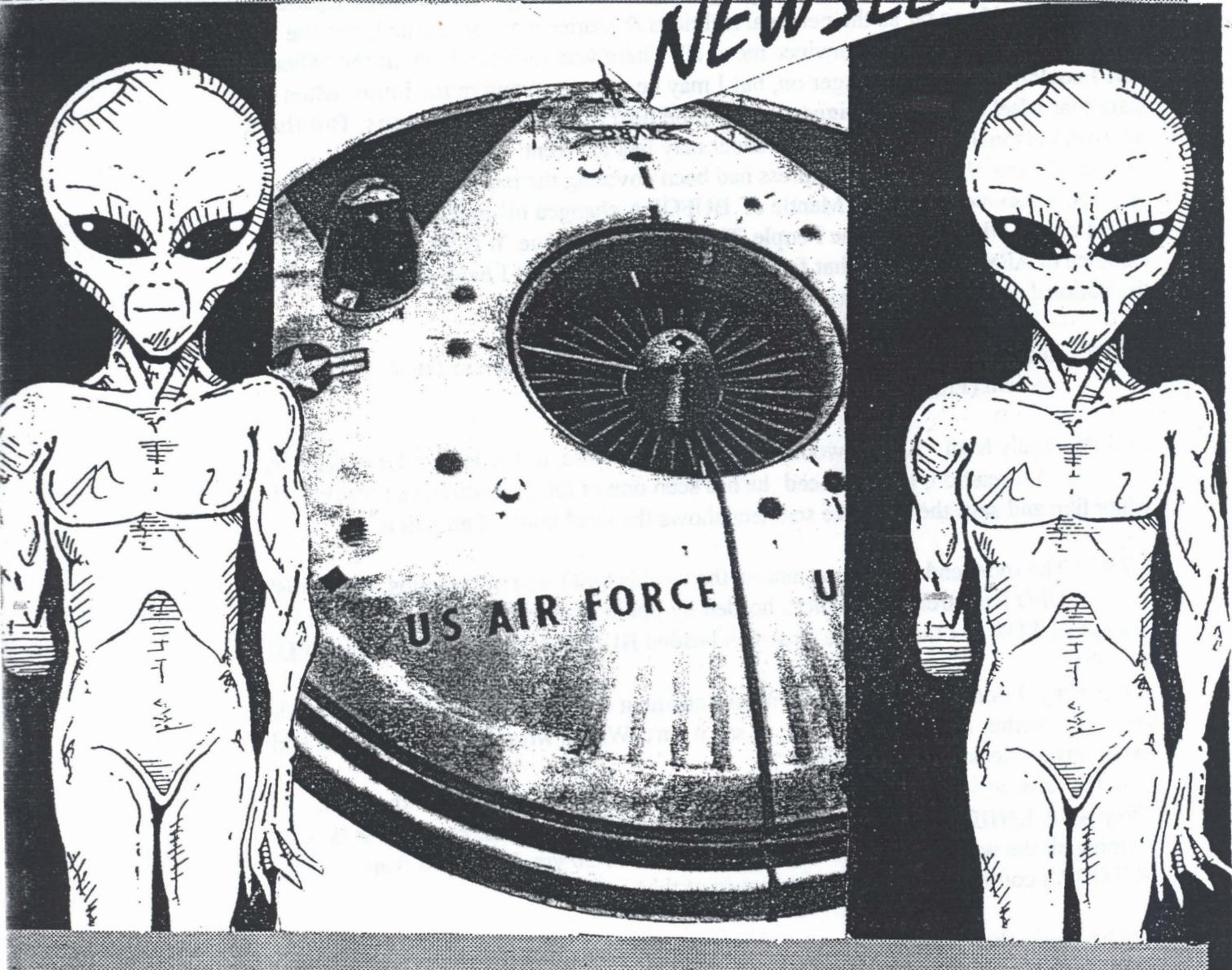


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EDITORIAL.

Now that the Roswell autopsy footage has been shown on British television, was it worth it I ask myself. I enjoyed the program (Secret History : The Roswell Incident on Ch 4 28.8.95) as far as the personal sightings & stories were concerned, but the actual autopsy film did not convince me at all. There was something about the 'Alien' that I couldn't quite put my finger on, but I may be proved wrong in the future when I state that I feel that it is the biggest hoax in the field of Ufology this century. But that's my own personal view, and you the reader may feel different.

Up until I saw the footage, the press had been covering the incident and over the months, it seemed that Philip Mantle of BUFORA changed his tune, although he had stated on the 5th March in The People 'The footage is unique. It is the only known instance of Aliens on film'. What follows are a few points that I have picked out from the national press from March - August.

5.3.95 : The People : 'The footage is unique. It is the only known instance of Aliens on film (Philip Mantle, Bufora)'.

28.3.95 : Daily Mail : As one would expect Philip Mantle, of the British UFO Research Association, is convinced he has seen one of the 14 canisters of black and white film and says the 7 minute segment shows the dead body of an Alien.

6.7.95 : The Independent : Alone among the worlds UFO research groups, the British UFO Research Association, headed by Philip Mantle (I didn't realise Philip headed BUFORA, I thought the chairman headed BUFORA !!) is making claims **FOR** the film.

'Certainly, I don't have concrete evidence claiming that the film is authentic,' Mantle says, 'But neither do I have evidence to say it isn't. What's wrong with showing it and letting others decide for themselves'?

In the same article, Jenny Randles said : 'They have signed a pact with the devil'. 'They **ARE ENDORSING** this film for purely **COMMERCIAL** reasons. It is undoing all the work serious Ufologists have done for 20 yrs. I resigned from BUFORA's council 18 months ago because of this'.

(The article then went on to say) Santilli happily admits that he withheld the film from Ufologists at large primarily **for commercial** reasons. 'The UFO community would have instantly copied the film (At £33 for 1 hr I expect they would have or will do.. ED) thereby making it worthless', (In other words, Santilli would not have made any money from it.... I can hear the cash tills rolling now....ED) he says. 'They are a strange bunch and I did not want to get mixed up with them. (Yet he gets involved with Philip Mantle and BUFORA.... So what has Philip and BUFORA got that us strange bunch of Ufologists haven't... A forthcoming conference !!!!!... ED).

28.7.95 The Sun : Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO Magazine, said 'We've investigated the film - it's a fake and we intend to prove it. Why would it only come to light now ?'

But Mr. Philip Mantle, Director of Investigations at the British UFO Research Assoc. said : 'If it was a hoax it would have to be an incredibly elaborate one involving hundreds of people. Something would have been bound to slip out. This film has aroused global interest. The world will never be quite the same after it is screened... (The funny thing is since the film was screened, the world is still the same old place, murder, famine, earthquakes, and a Tory Government. So the world has not changed since the film was shown, because most of us believe the film to be a well orchestrated hoax...Life still goes on..ED).

14.8.95 : Daily Express : ' I'm having the film scientifically studied', says Philip Mantle, the director of UFO research in Britain...(Director of UFO research in Britain ? for BUFORA perhaps, but certainly no one else...ED). 'It could be the holly shroud of the UFO movement... (I sense a bit of doubt creeping in now..ED) Kodak has already confirmed it **could** have been taken in the late forties..(I emphasis the word could...ED).

20.8.95 : The People : (The BUFORA conference had over 600 attendance's, and from the rumours I have heard, made in the region of £15,000 over the two days, I wonder who was coned the most, those attending the conference expecting to see the Alien body or BUFORA for getting involved with the footage, because Philip Mantles following statement makes a mockery of the whole film and why didn't he reveal this before the conference ? Maybe there was thoughts of people not attending if they really knew what the film was of .).....

Now Philip mantle, director of Investigations at the British UFO Research Association, says 'New data suggests the bodies in that film were definitely **human**.

Speaking at a UFO conference in Sheffield yesterday, he added ' I understand these were connected with **GERM WARFARE** (Not aliens, oh my god my dreams have been shattered, so the film must be a hoax.. ED) and that the bodies were **humans** who died following experiments'. (There you have it folks, all of you who bought tickets and paid for accommodation etc, paid to see an autopsy of a human being and not an alien... I bet you felt sick when Mr. Mantle made this statement...ED).

21.8.95 : Daily Mail : (What a government spy had to say about the film...ED) :

But the order form (For the Roswell film) explains that 'we cannot currently warrant that the contents were filmed in 1947' and 'although our medical reports suggested the creature is not human, this cannot yet be verified'. In short, if it turns out to be a fake, do not blame the people who took your money.

We can also be pretty certain that sales will be promoted by the cheapest sort of hype. At the 8th Congress, Mr. Santilli refused to show his film until the auditorium had been cleared and searched for hidden cameras...(Oh you've got to be kidding.. What a joke...ED). Large sections of the audience seemed to believe that there was an international - or perhaps intergalactic - conspiracy to take pirate pictures of what purported to be a creature from outer space being filleted like a Dover sole.

For when two scientists - improbably wearing what appeared to be beekeepers' helmets - began to cut it open, there was no ribcage. Throughout the autopsy no bone was ever visible. Even the skull had the consistency of a melon.

About the film, only one judgement is possible. There is not the slightest reason to believe that it portrays an autopsy being performed on an alien. Not once, during its whole flickering length, does it contain anything that could be reasonably described as evidence or could not be put together by any film special effects department.

Only an audience which wanted to believe that the film was genuine would have bothered to stay until the end. But most of the delegates were determined to be deluded. They ought to have worn T-shirts emblazoned with the motto : **GLAD TO BE GULLIBLE.**

The article was written by Mr. Roy Hattersley.....

So there you have it folks, what the papers thought of it and how some people have keep the truth from us in more ways than one. Copies of all the above article in full, can be obtained from the editorial address, write for details.

One final thing to wrap this months editorial up with is, if you can get hold of a copy of Majestic by Whitley Strieber, part of the introduction started to make me wonder. The Introduction is allegedly written by a Nicholas A. Duke on 15 March 1989..... on page three : 'A moment later he was back with a cardboard full of documents, photographs and cans of old movie film.

At first I thought it would be the usual sort of junk, fake pictures, news clippings, nutty tracts.

The first thing I saw was a clear colour photograph of what appeared to be a dead alien. It was attached to the **autopsy** reports that appear later in this book.

Every tiny detail seemed true, the pale skin, the injuries, the oozing fluids, the black, sunken eyes'....

Does this seem a bit familiar... Well I don't know who Nicholas A. Duke is, even if he is a real person. But if he is, then why has he not come forward and released the film footage.....

WHAT THE MEDIA HAD TO SAY IN JULY 1994.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

26.7.95 : 'People Think We're Nuts'.

NATIONAL ARTICLES.

- 3.7.95 : Independent on Sunday : 'Strange Things' in Sky Puzzle Minister.
- 23.7.95 : Daily Mail : One Positive UFO Sighting.
- 23.7.95 : Financial Times : DR, About this Alien...
- 29.7.95 : Daily Telegraph : Minister is true Believer in UFOs.
- 31.7.95 : Sunday People : Look out...There's lots of Aliens About !

REGIONAL ARTICLES.

- 8.7.95 : Denbyshire Free Press : UFO Sightings Spark Appeal by Expert.
- 14.7.95 : Wiltshire Gazette : Experts Probe the Alien Mind.
- 14.7.95 : York Star : Earth Moving.
- 15.7.95 : Denbyshire Free Press : UFO Spotters asked to share their Experiences.
- 15.7.95 : Colchester Yellow Advertiser : Unexplained Fascinating Observations.
- 16.7.95 : South Wales Echo : The man who killed the Moon.
- 20.7.95 : Pontypool Press : Conference out of this World.
- 20.7.95 : St Albans Observer : Real Or Not.
- 21.7.95 : Chelmsford Weekly News : Encountering the Sceptical.
- 21.7.95 : Ilkley Gazette : Watch this Space....
- 22.7.95 : Rossendale Free Press : US Air Force Colonel tells of UFO Chase.
- 22.7.95 : Warrington Guardian : Mystery of the Orford 'UFO'.
- 25.7.95 : Bolton Evening News : Man in UFO probe talks.
- 26.7.95 : Bridgwater Mercury : Appeal for witnesses is issued after string of 'UFO' sightings.
- 28.7.95 : Wharfdale & Aireda Observer : Mystery Object seen in Sky.
- 30.7.95 : Glasgow Daily Record : ET's in Stirling !

CROP CIRCLE ARTICLES.

- 8.7.95 : Southampton Evening echo : ET Pedals new Message for Riders in Le Tour.
- 10.7.95 : Sunday Telegraph : Hoaxers Run Rings Around the experts.
- 15.7.95 : Oxford Mail : Circles of Confusion.
- 20.7.95 : Wolverhampton Express & Star : The Final Straw for those Ever-decreasing Circles.
- 21.7.95 : Dorset evening Echo : A Mystery of ever Increasing Circles.
- 23.7.95 : Dorset Evening Echo : Do Aliens Eat Corn ?
- 26.7.95 : The Guardian : No Title.
- 28.7.95 : Dorset Evening echo : Open Mind call on Crop Circles.

NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN.

29.7.95 : Crop Circles, UFOs and Little Grey Men.

PRESS/TV/RADIO MATTERS OVER THE PAST MONTH 15.8.95 - 15.9.95.

PRESS :

14.8.95 : Daily Express : Can we prove that Alien Encounters are Fact or Fiction ?

This was part one of an investigation of the UFO phenomenon and this two page article looked at the abduction phenomenon. It also featured the photograph of the alien body allegedly from Roswell and an interview with Philip Mantle (Well, actually a plug for his book.....ED)

15.8.95 : Daily Express : Britain's UFO Capital :

Part two of the UFO feature looks at the UFO phenomenon in the village of Bonnybridge, in Scotland. An interesting article looking at a village that has had many encounters with our mysterious visitors from outer space.

18.8.95 : Southampton Evening Echo : Cabby's UFO Shocker :

Two cabbies watched open-mouthed as a mysterious glowing ball of light with a long tail sped across the sky above Southampton.

Michael McMahon and Mike Swatridge were on the late shift for Streamline Taxis when they spotted the low-flying UFO.

Mr. McMahon said: 'It was fantastic. I've never seen anything like it before. It was a shining ball of light moving horizontally across the sky. It was shifting so fast, it was unbelievable.'

The pair gazed as the object - which they described as nearly as big as the moon - zoomed across the city docks early yesterday morning, before veering off north in the direction of Winchester.

'I've always kept an open mind but there was no way this was a plane or a shooting star,' said Mr. McMahon.

As the UFO swerved, they noticed red and green lights inside the main body.

Mr. McMahon, of Mendip Road, Millbrook, Southampton, added: 'It just baffled me - I was thinking about it all night. I was absolutely gob-smacked.'

Immediately the two men phoned Hampshire Police to report the sighting. This morning officers were still investigating the cause of the UFO.

Hampshire UFO expert Lucy Pringle said: 'The fact that they did phone the police adds credibility to their story because it shows they were genuinely frightened or puzzled. I can offer no explanation for this sighting.'

'But it does seem UFOs are attracted to whatever reason to this part of the country.'

19.8.95 : Weekly News : Mystery of the Exploding Mountain :

This weekly item, is taken from the new book by Jenny Randles called 'UFO Retrievals'. The article looks at the incident in Llandrillo, Wales, that took place on 23.1.74, when a huge booming noise was heard over the village. An interesting article, that is well worth a look at.

20.8.95 : The People : You won't miss THIS alien... he looks like Robert Redford :

An alien that allegedly looks like Robert Redford, and to be from the Intergalactic Council of Nine is beaming messages to earth ! (Say no more....ED). Also, under a subheading, there is a flying saucer home up for sale in America at a bargain price of £440,000. Also a third sub-heading is looked at in the editorial of the newsletter.

20.8.95 : News of the World : The Real X-Files.

Article looks at the second series of the X-Files to be shown on BBC2, and there is a look at the Tv program : Secret History : The Roswell Incident screened on 28.8.95 on CH4.

21.8.95 : Daily Mail : Believe this and you must be from another Planet :

This article is written by Roy Hattersley, who attended the Bufora 2 day conference in Sheffield and was not impressed. (See editorial of newsletter for his comments).

21.8.95 : Southampton Evening Echo : UFO Riddle Deepens with more Sightings.

It came from the realms of science fiction.

Carey de St Aubin was jolted from sleep by loud rumbling on the night cabbies in Southampton spotted a mystery glowing light in the sky.

The mystery deepened as readers besieged lines at the Daily echo after our report of the UFO sighting by local taxi drivers.

Carey says she woke at 5 am on Thursday as the night sky suddenly lit up like daylight.

"I thought 'Oh my God, it's an atomic bomb' - I couldn't see anything, there was just this noise", said Carey, of Sampan Close, Warsash. She and husband Paul were left baffled.

Meanwhile, in Botley, engineering manager Tom McAarthy revealed he saw a red ball of light darting across the horizon last Wednesday morning.

"This light was heading across the horizon at high speed from Portsmouth to Eastleigh as it left a flame jettisoned out the back and it disappeared.

"I told my wife and family and they started taking the mickey. Then I read about the other sighting."

And others have been calling cabby Michael McMahon, who reported a mystery light in the sky last week, claiming they, too, saw it.

He said: "It's really got my gander - that light was going too fast to be a meteorite or plane. I am absolutely baffled".

24.8.95 : Daily Mail : A Real Alien... or an Earthly Hoax ?

Article looks at the CH4's program Secret History that was screened on 28.8.95 and features numerous photographic stills from the Santilli program. Also, there is a look at the video that will be available after the 28.8.95, of the program Secret History.

26.8.95 : Weekly News : Did High-Speed Military Jet Pursue UFO Across Skies At Night ?

Second article by Jenny Randles, in which she looks at Ufology in general and a look at the UFO sighting on 24.2.79 over the Rossendale area of Yorkshire. A good article, that again, is well worth getting a copy of to read.

26/8 - 1/9 : Radio Times : The X-Files : Fact or Fiction :

Article looks at the 2nd series of the X-Files, that is being screened on BBC2, and there is also a look at Channel 4's Secret History : Incident at Roswell.

26/8 - 1/9 : What's on Tv : Is this Creature from Another Planet ?

A review of the Ch 4 program Secret History : The Roswell Incident and also the science fiction week on Channel 4.

29.8.95 : Southampton Evening Echo : UFO sighting :

A Bitterne family spotted what they believe was a UFO above Southampton. The sighting of a light, moving from side-to-side and up-and-down, was reported to Bitterne police. The family in Cutbush lane, Townhill Park, watched it through binoculars at 4.18am on Sunday.

29.8.95 : Southampton Evening Echo : Close Encounter of the Third Kind (Letter) :

With reference to the ball of light moving across the sky above Southampton.

I also observed this ball of light at precisely 0031 hours on August 18. It came across the sky from a South South West/South West direction and moved off to the North East gradually fading. It was visible for approximately four seconds at an angle of 60/70 degrees above the horizon, (the moon was positioned below the trajectory of the ball of light.)

At its nearest point it appeared as a ball of very bright, white light about the size of a tennis ball with a tail (one to two feet in length) - in effect a trail of red sparks ?

Perhaps it was the end of a satellite entering the earth's atmosphere ?

3.9.95 : Sunday Telegraph : Pilotless spy planes heading for Britain :

The first two paragraphs of this large article I think sums up the whole article : 'The peaceful countryside of Gloucestershire may become a site of bemused UFO watchers within three years with the likely arrival of two new types of American spyplanes to supplement the ageing U-2, one of which crashed at RAF Fairford last week, killing its pilot.

The new aircraft - Dark Star and Tier Two Plus - are weird, lozenge-shaped machines with very long glider wings and, most significantly, both are unmanned'.... (Well folks, two more mystery objects that I am sure will be reported as UFO's in the future....ED).

4.9.95 : Daily Mail : Eurocrats' Close Encounter of the Expensive Kind :

Its is the achievement of a dream for determined UFO-watchers.

But more sceptical earthlings are bug-eyed over a bizarre scheme from Brussels for spending even more money.

A report fro the European Parliament will recommend that the EU establish an office to track UFO sightings. In short, Brussels wants to set up its own X-Files investigation into flying saucers and little green men.

The scheme, which horrified Euro-sceptics yesterday, has sprung from the persistence of a British UFO researcher.

Retired printing consultant Derek Sheffield, 67, has harassed officialdom for three years over an incident in which a triangular object is said to have been chased by F-16 fighters over Belgium. It is alleged to have been heading towards Dover at over 1,000 mph when it was lost.

Mr. Sheffield claims that the Government is covering up the facts - and he has brought up a heavy gun to back his argument.

Retired Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, a former chief of Defence Staff and the senior military officer in NATO in the mid-seventies, agrees that evidence for the incident is strong and joins in accusations of a British cover-up of UFO incidents.

Lord Hill-Norton, 80, who has said he is prepared to write a foreword for a book Mr. Sheffield about the affair, commented yesterday : 'The object was tracked by two German radar stations and one in Belgium. Britain would have been alerted.

'The evidence makes it clear that something is being covered up. It is absurd to pretend there is nothing going on when it is perfectly plain that there is.'

The defence ministry has shown no interest in the claims. Not so, however, the European Parliament. Its former president, Egon Klepsch, invited Mr. Sheffield to petition for an inquiry.

Now its energy, research and technology committee is understood to have advised setting up the UFO centre so the issue can be studied scientifically. The report, The Creation of a European Observation Station for the Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects, goes to MEPs shortly.

Mr. Sheffield, from Rolvenden, Kent, said: "This has been going on for a couple of years. You'd have thought something would have happened by now".

The Defence Ministry has in the past limited its discussion of the case to assurances that British security was not threatened. Yesterday, it declined to comment.

RADIO :

15.8.95 : BBC Radio 2 : Hayes Over Britain : This item, which again I only caught about 20 minutes or so, featured DR Susan Blackmore and Philip Mantle. Philip Mantle was there to plug the Conference as well as the Roswell footage and Dr Susan Blackmore was there with the opposing view. There was also a radio phone in with Ros Reynolds, who appears to pop up everywhere that Philip Mantle and Bufora appear. Again, did anyone get the whole program, your editor wants to hear from you.

11.9.95 : Radio 4 : I only caught the last 20 mins or so and I understand that Elsie Oakenden was featured in the first half. The second half consisted of an interview with regards to a new sceptical magazines hitting the news stands on a par with Fortean Times. Did anyone out there record the whole program...

TELEVISION :

Channel's science fiction week 26th August - 29th August was very disappointing in one sense in that the week saw the screening of many of the classic science fiction films involving flying saucers invading earth etc... But, they showed two programs that I feel didn't put Ufology in a good light, because they were shown during the 'Science Fiction' week, a type of label that doesn't do the subject any real good.

On bank holiday Monday, the long awaited screening of the Roswell Alien Autopsy. I enjoyed the program very much, because of the documentary about the incident and the interviews with the witnesses. But I was very disappointed with the alleged alien autopsy. You the reader know my views already about it, and I did not find it at all convincing I am afraid. (mind you, there was no hanging around with bringing out a video based on the program. In fact the next day, the shops had a video on the open shelf which basically is the whole program : Secret History : The Roswell Incident, plus a few more minutes of footage). Since this has been released, the £33 video has been received. I must admit, it is a waist of time. For your £33, you get a 10 minute interview with Ray Santilli !, a 10 minute interview with Philip Mantle !! and interviews with witness at the time going over the same old thing, and the autopsy lasts for about 15 -20 mins and is shown again in slow motion !!! This includes about 5 minutes more of the autopsy including the removal of the brain, and that's it. You would have been better off with the Secret History video and saved your money... The £33 video does not even show the tent examination...(watch the shelves fro Roswell : Autopsy pt 2 priced at £33).

Then on the 26.8.95 there was the another program In Advance of the Landing which concentrated on the more exotic beliefs in UFOs and interviews with the people that back in the 50s and 60s, who claimed they had been contacted by aliens from other planets. This was a bit wacky, but well worth a look at.

Due to lack of space this month, the following items also appeared on the television :

16.8.95 : Newsnight featuring Ralph Noyce and Dr Susan Blackmore.. I missed this and I was wondering if anyone else saw it or recorded it. If you did happen to copy it, Could the editor borrow it to look at.

20.8.95 : Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (Discovery... Cable Tv).

21.8.95 : Reg Presley on Wire Tv... This involved a group of people sat around a table and just generally talking about the subject of Ufology, crop circles and the Roswell footage....

24.8.95 : Sky News : Roswell footage...3 - 4 Mins...

25.8.95 : GMTV : Timothy Good & Ray Santilli.. Regarding the Roswell Film.. Did anyone see this or record it. Again, if you recorded could the editor borrow a copy to see.

1.9.95 : James Whale Show.. Colin Andrews and Reg Presley.. Roswell footage. Yet again, did anyone see this or record it. Again, I missed it, and would appreciate it if anyone else recorded it & I could borrow a copy to watch.....

3.9.95 : Mysteries, Magic and Miracles : (Discovery.. Cable Tv)... The Galactic Federation.. As in the title, there are some that believe that there is a galactic federation out in space that are there to help us here on earth....

MAGAZINE REVIEWS.

1. IUFOPRA Journal : Vol 4 No 7, Summer 1995 :

For me, this is a journal that all Ufologists and groups should support. I enjoy it when I receive my copy every time. In this edition, there are many articles that look at such things as a look at an argument against the ETH, An alien hunt, The Bible and the UFO connection, Irish case file, The Eduard Meier case and more. With a new layout containing many black and white photos, it is well worth a read. For more details, contact : IUFOPRA, P.O Box 3070, Whitehall, Dublin 9, Ireland.

2. IUFOPRA Newsletter bulletin : No 15, July/August 95 :

In this bulletin, there is an update on Roswell / John E.Mack investigation and a few more titbits. For more information contact above address.

3. Circle Hunter ; No 17 / 18 1995 :

Issue 17 has an up-date on the 1995 crop circle reports, 1995 crop circle gallery : part 4, and that really rounds up this edition. In issue 18, we learn that this bumper edition will be the last. This edition has a crop circle recognition quiz (I failed miserably at this one... Oh well, we can't all be perfect...ED). Letters from readers, a cartoon showing how snow circles are formed and a look back at he past 18 issues. I am sad that this great little magazine has folded, but with the editor going off to university, obviously he will have very little time to carry on with his great work. May I wish on behalf of the Southampton UFO Group and members, good luck in the future, and we hope that one day, just maybe, the magazine will be resurrected.

4. OVNI ; August 1995.

In this months edition, Omar looks at the 1995 crop circle season as it draws to a close, UFO reports from Derby, Binsted (West Sussex), Flying Triangle reports from South Indiana (America), Lancaster. There is also an article by Michael Newark on the 1995 crop circles, and a UFO report from Portsmouth (Hampshire). For more details, contact : Omar Fowler, 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE25 9HR.

5. Heartland UFO Journal ; No 38, 5/95.

This is the only American group that I exchange with , and I thoroughly enjoy it when it drops through the letter box. This edition is no exception, and there is a report of a white disc that passes over Polk County, Missouri, TLP or UFO in 1956 photograph of the moon ?, update on the March 15th midwestern sightings, The case of the hovering helicopter, and more. I would like to, in the future maybe include an article or two from this very interesting Journal....So Sam, how about it ? For more details, contact : Heartland Research Project, Po Box 440, Lockwood, MO 65682, USA.

6. TRANS - UFO ; No 2, September 1995.

I feel that any serious should add this great magazine to their collection. The magazine contains translated articles and reports from such countries as Sweden, Denmark, and Argentina. There is some great information from these translated articles and Eileen Fletcher should be congratulated in all the hard work involved in creating such an information packed magazine. For more details, contact : Eileen Fletcher, Derwent Cottage, Derwent Dam, Bamford, Sheffield, S30 2AQ.

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BOOK REVIEW : OCKHAMS RAZOR.

The Southampton UFO Group organiser Steve Gerrard kindly loaned me a new book, allegedly written as a 'fantasy', by author N.L.Williams, a lady who lives, I believe on the Isle of Wight, and covering UFO abductions and the whole scenario of where and why ! 'Using', as the book jacket tells us, 'current speculation together with her own theories and knowledge of the subject'... as a UFO investigator.

I rarely read fiction, but this book, once began, was a gem.. kept me enthralled from beginning to end although some of the philosophical chapters could be boring if one wasn't a UFO believer, however, it all made sense to me and explained much that has so far been personal theories to me allied with my own experiences of UFO's. One cannot help wondering if the author has had deeper UFO experiences than she lets on!

Written quite some time before the notorious 'Alien autopsy' films etc, the book explains little things which one has speculated about. For instance, the apparent lack of internal organs similar to ours in that autopsy. Not unexpected since the body is supposedly that of an 'Alien' so what else would you expect ! But, as I have read before somewhere, 'They' ingest their substances through their body pores etc as an 'essence', which again seems to explain their general lack of a mouth sufficiently large enough to use for eating...perhaps a degenerated facility over aeons?

At £6.95 and printed and published by Merlin Books, of Braunton, Devon, OCKHAMS RAZOR is an excellent buy and, me for one, gives much food for thought, even answers to much that is almost beyond understanding in Ufology, and, God knows, we have needs, and STILL need, 'answers' that we don't even have the questions to at present !

Book reviewed by Mr. Ernie Seers.

THE WHEATEAR : END OF SEASON REPORT....

As the crops are gathered and the fields are allowed to rest once again, the time has arrived for a look back over the last few months since spring and try to form an opinion on the crop circles that have appeared in this old & ritual landscape. First of all, you could say that my home county of Hampshire has had the most formations. The exact number is very hard to ascertain, but for Hampshire farmers, this has been a very irritating year for cereal damage. To confirm this, it was announced on the local Tv station and the local paper that the Hampshire branch of the National Farmers

Union were offering £1,000 for information on hoaxers. When you consider that one crop circle of half an acre represents £300 of damage, one can gauge how much it would cost for 100s of formations during a season. Why the farmers don't be more vigilant during these active times is something I don't understand. For instance, 1 man could watch and monitor the Punchbowl at Cheesefoot Head very effectively during the summer nights. This would work out cheaper than losing £100's through hoaxers activities like this year in the Punchbowl.

Like last year, The vast majority of formation's this year have been created by human thought and effort. Some may say this is a negative opinion particularly within the crop circle community. However, the truth is often unpleasant to some, and I would love all the formation's this year to be real like some do for various reasons. But this is simply not the case.

This year, Wiltshire has been very quiet, even the famous Eastfield was left unmarked, no doubt due to so much surveillance by UFO and crop watchers, although a messy circle was found nearby at South Field. It would appear the hoaxers had kept to their word in leaving Wiltshire alone, as I reported to you in an earlier issue of the Southampton UFO Groups newsletter. A few appeared I admit, but nothing on the scale of previous years. Hampshire as I mentioned earlier suffered or was fortunate depending on your outlook, in receiving a variety of formations particularly around the Andover area. This is the home of 'circle celebrity' Reg Presley (More on him later) and Busty Taylor who has captured the wonder and otherwise of the circles on film over the years. The other area that has received attention is around the Winchester area with about 10 known formations in about a 5 mile radius for example. The public who see the circles in their papers and on the Tv are given a mix of usual 'little green men' and Doug/Dave nonsense, while 'Crop Circle Experts' Reg (Wild Thing) Presley tells viewers about outrageous and sensational tales. Mr Trogg has been having a field day as an expert on the subject taking over the crown from Colin Andrews (Reg's close friend), for example here are a few things Reg has been informing the public, on local Tv program. Reg informed us of a UFO (Small white light in the distance(seen near East Field travelling at 4,000 MPH (To that I can only say his eyes are of a different design than mine !). In July this year, Reg appeared on the Magic and Mystery Show for Meridian Tv. This time Reg told the viewers of a strange event that happened in Japan, where overnight, 3.5 million gallons of water disappeared in a paddyfield, only to leave behind a circle in the drained area. If this wasn't enough for the puzzled viewers, Reg went even further and spoke about a reservoir near Andover (Reg's residence remember) which had the same amount of water (exactly the same according to Reg) removed. When asked by a not too convinced reporter if a circle was found in it, Reg said no, before quickly adding that one was found not too far away nearby. Reg is a firm believer, or was when asked about the alien autopsy in June, that this is no hoax, which might explain why Ray Santilli was going to allow Reg to use some of this 'amazing' footage in Reg's music video or is this a nasty rumour, (imagine it 'Greys are all around me, they're every where I go etc etc). Seriously though, I do agree with Reg on something, be it a minor point only. Reg believes that 95% of crop circles this year have been hoaxed. However, I should add that Reg as I understand it has not actually entered any formations this year (1995) (Update on Reg and Roswell alien genuiness in Aug 95 is 90% sure its a real alien). Reg appears to be carrying on Doug and Dave's tradition of destroying a belief in crop circles from what I can see.

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